ARIZONA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2166: vehicle fees; alternative fuel VLT

PRIME SPONSOR: Representative Campbell, LD 1

BILL STATUS: Chaptered

Legend:

Director – Director of Arizona Department of Transportation

DPS – Arizona Department of Public Safety

VLT – Vehicle License Tax

Amendments – **BOLD** and **Stricken** (*Committee*)

Abstract

Relating to highway safety fee and the VLT classification of alternative fuel vehicles.

Provisions

- 1. Requires the registering officer annually collect a highway safety fee with the vehicle registration application. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Instructs the Director to deposit all highway safety fee monies collected into the Arizona Highway Patrol Fund. (Sec. 1)
- 3. Requires the Director to annually determine the fee that must fund 110% of DPS highway patrol budget for each fiscal year minus any unencumbered balance exceeding 10% of the previous year's deposit. (Sec. 1)
- 4. Requires the VLT for alternative fuel vehicles purchased before January 1, 2020 to be set by the Director as a percentage of the value the motor vehicle's base retail price. (Sec. 3)
- 5. Stipulates the initial VLT for alternative fuel vehicles with a gross weight under 10,000 pounds that are purchased after January 1, 2020 is 30% of the manufacturer's base retail price.
 - a. Requires the value of the vehicle decrease 15% annually. (Sec. 3)
- 6. Eliminates the separate VLT classification for alternative fuel vehicles with a gross weight of over 10,000 pounds for vehicles purchased after January 1, 2020. (Sec. 3)
- 7. Exempts ADOT from rulemaking to set the annual highway safety fee. (Sec. 1)
- 8. Contains a delayed effective date for provisions relating to the alternative fuel vehicle classification to January 1, 2020. (Sec. 5)
- 9. Contains a Legislative intent clause. (Sec. 6)
- 10. Makes technical and conforming changes.

Current Law

Alternative Fuel is defined as: 1) electricity; 2) solar energy; 3) liquefied petroleum gas, natural gas, hydrogen or a blend; 4) for vehicles that use alcohol fuels that contain no less than 85% alcohol by volume; and 6) a combination of at least 70% alternative fuel and no more than 30% petroleum-based fuel (A.R.S. § 1-215).

Alternative fuel vehicles have an annual VLT of \$4 per \$100 in value. For the first year, the value of alternative fuel vehicle is determined by 1% of the manufacturer's base retail price of the motor vehicle. Each successive year, the value of the motor vehicle is 15% less than the prior year's value (A.R.S. § 28-5805).

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